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A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL READERS OF THE NEWS

HO! for the holly and the Yuletide jolly and the joys
of Christmas time!
They are worth a song, and we'll sing it strong, with
a resonant ring of rhyme!
Though the lands may war, while the gods abhor, and the
Golden Fleece be stained
With brave men's blood in a turgid flood, the Christ-thought
hath not waned!

THE rich increase of a year of peace in a wide and
goodly land,
The abundant yields of a million fields by benignant
heavens spanned—
They are ours today, and the heart of May thrills through
December drear:
So it's ours to sing with the oldtime ring a song of Christ-
mas cheer!

THOUGH men may fight and the woeful blight of war
blast half the earth,
They cannot strangle nor maim nor mangle the tale
of the Savior's birth;
And deep in the heart the song will start and float over
land and sea:
So we'll sing with a will and a rising trill our song of Yule-
tide glee!

FROM the blazing fire the sparks aspire, and the laden
tree is bright,
And the children play on the blessed day, and older
hearts are light
Because of the joy of girl and boy, and the love of Christ
is long!
So it's ho! for a rhyme of Christmas time, and it's ho! for
a heartening song!

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MEETING OF CITIZENS NEXT THURSDAY NIGHT

ALL MEN INTERESTED IN FUTURE OF COMMUNITY URGED TO HELP IN ORGANIZING A CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Every business and professional man in New Smyrna and every resident of this community who is interested in the future of this city and this locality should make it a point to attend the meeting in the New Smyrna News office next Thursday night, Dec. 30, at 7:30 o'clock, called for the purpose of organizing a chamber of commerce, or a commercial club of some kind.

New Smyrna needs such an organization if any city ever needed one, and the success with which such organizations are building up and are advertising many of the cities and towns in Florida shows what a live commercial organization can do in the way of putting and keeping a community on the map.

The meeting next Thursday night has been called as the result of a discussion of the matter at a gathering of the business men of the city recently, called for the purpose of discussing the matter of representation at the public hearing on the proposition of urging the government to take over and operate the East Coast canal. At that time other subjects of importance to the city were brought up, and it was decided to call a special meeting for the purpose of forming a chamber of commerce to handle matters of general interest to the city.

B. H. Wilson, who was acting as chairman of the special meeting, was authorized to call a meeting for the purpose of discussing permanent organization, and Mr. Wilson has called the meeting for next Thursday night. The question of a place to meet for this purpose showed there was no money available for renting a hall, and the offer of the use of the News office was accepted.

Every citizen is not only cordially invited to attend this meeting, but urged to be present.

EXTENSION OF WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS

COUNCIL DECIDES TO MAKE ADDITIONS TO SYSTEMS AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED IN NUMBER OF PLACES.

At the adjourned meeting of the city council, held Tuesday night of this week, the following extensions in the new sewer and waterworks systems were ordered, subject to approval by the board of public works:

Extension of sewer on Murray street, beginning at Rush street and running west 200 feet.

Extension of 4-in. water main on Ball street, beginning at Mary ave., running north about 450 feet and continuing from this point to Ronnoc Lane with galvanized iron pipe. Mr. Freeman advises there is sufficient 6-in. pipe for this extension, but will need one T and one fire plug.

Extension of galvanized water pipe from Dora street west on Washington street to the railroad.

Extension of sewer line on alley between Hillsboro street and Magnolia street, south 176 feet.

Extension of sewer line on alley between Orange street and Cypress street, south 116 feet.

WOMAN'S CLUB PROGRAM PALACE THEATER MONDAY.

The next regular meeting of the Woman's club will be in the nature of a public program to be given at the Palace theater next Monday afternoon, Dec. 27, at 3 o'clock. It will consist of four groups of interpretative dances given by Miss [illegible] Wilson, accompanied by Miss Helen Pike. These will be interspersed with a variety of musical selections by Misses Irma Greer, Harriet Crane, Maud and Ruth Holley, Edna Greer and Marian Earl. There will be no admission, as the program is given as a compliment of the Woman's club to the ladies in and near New Smyrna, and a cordial invitation is extended to each one to [illegible]

EIGHTH GRADE PUPILS ENJOY OYSTER ROAST.

The pupils of the eighth grade of the public school, and a few others, enjoyed an oyster roast on the river front last Thursday evening. There were plenty of oysters on hand and the young people all had a good time. Those who made up the party included Ruby Thorpe, Ruby Yarborough, Susie Burnett, Lolla Brandt, Eva May Rogero, Katherine Lilla, Julia Dimon, Miss Welch, Alfred Newberry, Edwin Scull, Carl Langford, William Thompson and Carroll Rowe.

H. A. SPENCER RETURNED TO NEW SMYRNA CHURCH.

The general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, in session in Tampa last week and the first part of this week, returned Rev. H. A. Spencer to New Smyrna as pastor of the church in this city, and the members of the church are much pleased at this action. Rev. Mr. Spencer came to this conference from the West Virginia conference and has made many friends since he came to this city.

The general conference located J. Q. Wells at his own request, this meaning that he is given no special charge.

MASONS ELECT OFFICERS FOR THE COMING YEAR.

At the annual meeting of Smyrna lodge No. 149, F. & A. M., held last Monday night, the following officers were elected to serve the lodge during the year 1916:

W. M.—M. A. Brunson.
S. W.—C. G. Herrick.
J. W.—W. L. Gause.
Treasurer—Chas. Ebenbeck.
Secretary—E. L. Chilton.

TEACHERS LEAVE TO SPEND THE HOLIDAYS.

Nearly all of the public school teachers who do not live in the city left Friday for their various homes to spend the holiday vacation. School was dismissed early Friday afternoon to give the teachers time to catch the afternoon trains. Misses Annie Pattillo and Annie Bouchelle went to DeLand, Miss Ellen Wallace to Gainesville, Miss Susie Darby to Starke, Miss Harriet Welch to St. Petersburg, Miss Lenora Frier to Lee, and Principal R. S. Blanton to Knights. Miss Rosalie Dortch remained in New Smyrna and her mother will spend the holidays with her here.

ANOTHER DRAINAGE DISTRICT MEETING

ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN DRAINING TURNBULL HAMMOCK ASKED TO MEET NEXT MONDAY NIGHT.

Because of the rainy, cold weather last Monday night there was not a large attendance at the meeting called for the purpose of discussing the matter of forming a drainage district to drain the land in Turnbull hammock, but the first steps in the organization of the district were taken by authorizing R. B. F. Roper to prepare a map of the proposed district and have it ready to be submitted to the men interested at another meeting to be held next Monday night in the New Smyrna News office.

At the meeting held last Monday night, Surveyor Morton, representing a Savannah engineering firm, was present to discuss the matter of surveying work necessary in the organization of the district, and Attorney Roy Hamlin was also present to explain the features of the state laws governing drainage districts.

After a careful study of the state law passed in 1913 and the state law passed in 1915 it has been decided better to proceed with the organization of the district under the law of 1913, which makes it necessary to get a majority of the acreage within the proposed district. Under this law the charter for the district will be issued by the circuit court and the land owners will elect the supervisors to have charge of the drainage system, while under the law of 1915, which is merely an amendment to the old drainage law, application for charter is made to the county commissioners and the commissioners will have entire charge of the district for all time to come.

F. W. Hatch, as temporary chairman of the proposed organization, has called the meeting to be held next Monday night and all persons interested in the matter, particularly the owners of lands in the hammock, are urged to be present.

$72.14 NET PROCEEDS FROM ENTERTAINMENT

WEE-WEE QUARTETTE PLEASES AUDIENCE WHICH PACKS THEATER AT ENTERTAINMENT FOR ORPHAN CHILDREN.

The sum of $72.14 has been sent to the Florida Children's Home society as the net proceeds of the public entertainment given by the Wee-Wee male quartette last Friday night and the members of the quartette, as well as the people who helped to make the entertainment a success by their presence, feel repaid for the efforts expended in trying to help make the orphan children happy at this Christmas season.

The entertainment was an unqualified success and the members of the quartette sang and played to an audience which packed the theater to capacity. The "show" was made up of quartette selections, trios and duets, with several little sketches thrown in to relieve the entirely musical feature of the program, and was carried through without a hitch of any kind. Special scenery, prepared and painted by Tom Hesketh, was used for these sketches.

The time and talent of the members of the quartette in preparing and presenting the program was donated to the cause, and Messrs. Rogero, Baker, Hesketh and Galbreath deserve the thanks of the people of New Smyrna for presenting the opportunity to contribute to so worthy a cause in such a pleasant manner.

The gross proceeds of the entertainment amounted to $121.95. The necessary expenses included $25 for the use of the theater and $24.81 for incidentals, leaving the net proceeds $72.14 to be sent to the homeless children being cared for at the home in Jacksonville.

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PIDGIN ISLAND

By HAROLD MacGRATH

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PROLOGUE.

A web of mystery, adventure and romance is this narrative of sea and shore. The author has won a national reputation for skill in depicting character and in conjuring interesting situations for the entertainment of his readers. He has lived up to it in this story, in which rapid action is a dominating feature. Cranford, the keen witted international spy, and his clashes with Smead, the notorious diamond smuggler, are highly dramatic. You will want to meet Diana, true to the core, a typical American girl, as independent and as charming as they make them. Who was she? What is the strange secret that seems to affect her every action? Why does she hie herself away to far-off, isolated Pidgin island and risk her life needlessly on stormy seas? All these questions and others you will find well worth while solving.

CHAPTER II.

The Man With a Scar.

"EIGHT thousand of my money gone to glory," snarled the older man.

"Eight. Wouldn't let me pay duty. Confiscated them. And your swell gets his fifty-fifty for his little game of I-spy. If I hadn't broken this leg! It will be three weeks before I can use it. Push the button."

"The button won't help you. Leave that stuff alone."

"Hoity toity! I know what I want. Push it."

The young man did so, not without open contempt. "I'll start out. It will be a job, but I believe I can handle it."

"And this other affair coming off, with me here like a dead man."

"I have told you that that will be handled all right. Besides, it is my concern anyhow."

"Where did you get them?"

"That also is my affair. If you want my advice you'll stick to this room till the thing is done. They may follow you."

"You're deep, boy."

"Ah!" noncommittally. "I'll be in again late tonight. Keep awake if you can."

"With this leg I won't have any trouble."

Meantime Cranford went directly to his apartments. He had arrived in America only the day before. He found his man taking off the sheets from the furniture. All the windows were open. The air which blew in was mild and summery. It was a promise of good weather.

"Don't bother, Warren, about fixing the rooms. I have decided to go up to the lake and fish for three or four weeks."

"Yes, sir."

"You haven't bought any groceries?"

"No, sir."

"Then you can while away the time on your truck farm till I notify you of my return. Get out my fishing stuff and the old kit-bag. You know exactly what I shall need."

"You'll be taking your guns, sir?"

"Might as well. And slip in the automatic while you're about it. It's some sport potting cans and bottles."

"I'll attend to everything, sir. What time shall I meet you at the station?"

"Somewhere around midnight. Train leaves at 12."

"Just before you came a man called."

"Who?"

"He wouldn't give his name, sir. Letter of introduction, he said. When I told him that you had just returned from Europe he said he'd call again."

Master and man looked at each other steadily.

"Well?"

"Very good looking chap, sir; well dressed, only I didn't like his smile."

"Have you ever seen him before?"

"His face is new to me, sir."

Cranford walked over to one of the windows and gazed seriously at the touch of color across the river in the wooded highlands.

Suspicion is not good for the soul, and he was beginning to find that all strange faces aroused distrust. How he hated it all, this life of his! How like he was to that pasty faced boy at school who was forever running with tales to the teacher!

A sneak, so whispered his pride and breeding; an honest competence, spoke his manhood. Cheats, liars and thieves. And his business was to watch them, warn the government and take his tithe of the spoils.

It was the tithe which had the acid bite. If only he were doing it for the sport, the adventure! But no; he wanted money and the good things money bought. His friends? Many a time over coffee they had confided to him how neatly they were going to bamboozle Uncle Sam when they landed.

In honor he could not warn them to be still; in honor he had to make known their childlike confessions. This kept his spirit writhing always. More than once he had been tempted to take a plunge in Wall street. One throw of the dice—riches or beggary. And he hadn't had the nerve!

Between him and his prodigal grandfather stood the memory of that bulwark of caution—his father. Having his father as an example, he became all caution, caution; hesitated when opportunity knocked and lost many chances to re-establish the fortunes of the house of Cranford.

He quitted life with exactly what he had begun with. The grandson had just enough to weather his club dues and his tailors, with a little left over for his fishing trips.

The economy he now practiced was beginning to tell. His bank account was growing and growing. In three or four years he would have enough to live on comfortably.

Marriage was, however, an utter impossibility, for he was determined never to marry a woman whose income was greater than his own, and he knew that he could never be happy with one who was not his equal in breeding and education. Blame environment for this fallacy!

"Describe him."

"Slender, rather dark, medium height, good hands, clean shaven, with a little white scar on the left side of his chin."

Cranford mused for a space.

"Can't place him. Oh, well, it doesn't matter. Maybe nothing at all. If he has a letter of introduction— Dash it, Warren, you and I are beginning to be suspicious of everybody."

"Well, sir, we can't afford to be careless now that you've started to break up the gang."

"I don't think they'll bother me seriously on this side of the water. It's the only thing that makes the game possible—the real smuggler, with his ramifications that reach into the heart of India. It's a good sporting proposition to lay those fellows by the heels. Their ingenuity is remarkable. Smead was held up yesterday. Broke his leg in Paris. Mahogany crutches. Hollow shaft, twenty diamonds worth eight thousand. His leg was really broken, and I suppose that gave him the idea of utilizing the crutches. Bought the gems in Rotterdam. The crutches stuck in my mind. My room was next to his in the Continental in Paris. It was only guesswork on my part. I didn't know for certain. Well, I'm off. I'll wear this suit on the train. Don't forget my pipes. See you at the station."

Cranford went to his club for dinner.

He found three or four lonely bachelors—old friends—and they sat at the same table. Talk ran into every conceivable channel—women, horses, the light operas then going, boating, boxing and even the discomfiture of the famous gambler, Smead, who had been caught finally with the goods on his return from Europe. Cranford's coffee tasted bitter.

Before going to the station he went into the bar of one of the nearby hotels for some cigars. He was leaning against the cigar stand, next to the bar, when two strangers at his side clicked their glasses and spoke a phrase which puzzled and surprised him.

"Pidgin island!"

"Square away!"

The two men drank and departed.

Pidgin island! Cranford turned.

They had paused at the cashier's desk. One was tall, thick set, gray haired, ruddy faced, with an air of prosperity. His companion was short and wiry and taciturn of expression. His lip was adorned by a cropped mustache, which stood out like the bristles of a toothbrush.

Cranford laughed silently.

Fishermen like himself, for only a bass fisherman would ever mention such a spot as Pidgin island. Doubtless he would see them again.

By the ticket booth he met Warren.

"The man with the scar has been wandering about. I have an idea that he's been following me."

"Did he get a ticket?"

"Takes the Montreal express."

"I'd like to have a good look at him. It might come in handy some day. But still it may be some one I met in the smokeroom coming over."

"Your train leaves in twenty minutes, sir. You can go aboard now if you wish. Suppose we wander out to the gates. You go ahead and I'll follow with the porter. If I see him I'll tip you off, sir."

"Good idea!"

Warren loitered about the stairs. (The terminal had not been finished at this time.) He scanned the faces of the prospective travelers who were gathered about the various gates.

Suddenly he held up his hand and disappeared up the stairs. Nonchalantly Cranford followed.

"He is standing by your gate, sir, watching."

"Wonder what the dickens it's all about?"

"Gray fedora. Now, I'll bid you good-by, sir. He may or may not know you, but if he saw me with you he'd know. I'll make for the street. Here's the tickets, sir. If anything turns up I'll wire, and if you need me send."

Clicked Their Glasses and Spoke a Phrase Which Puzzled Him.

The two shook hands.

There was admiration on both sides and no little affection. Warren did not depend upon Cranford's bounty. He had a truck farm over in New Jersey that paid him well. He was like a man who had tasted a rare vintage—all other wines palled.

He was adventurous in spirit, and once upon a time Cranford had plucked him out of the rut of commonplace, a wild scramble over roofs, the spat-spat of bullets against brick and stone, down into a strange skylight, and a mad dash into the street. Smugglers of the lower grade, bent upon reprisal.

Presently Cranford passed out of the gates to his Pullman.

The dark, handsome young man with the scar on his chin was absolutely unknown to him. What did he want? What was in the air?

The young man immediately left the gate. Farther up the line he stopped to speak to a short and wiry man with a bristling mustache.

"I'm going back to Smead. I'll follow in a few days. Keep under cover. Go fishing. I'll write you a description of this Cranford chap. He's leaving tonight for the American side."

"What?"

"Yes. Got his guns and fishing tackle. May be a blind; again, we may know nothing. Up to you two to find out. If he's really fishing why, there's no worry. We need not change any of our plans. Besides, he never works on this side. Fish, you two. Put up a bluff anyhow. No cards, no whisky. The old man'll break you if you slip up through carelessness. Good luck to you!"

Half an hour later he was back in Smead's room.

"Well, boy?"

"Cranford left tonight for the river. Now, don't get excited. He had his guns and tackle. Probably goes to fish and hunt. His valet has gone over to Jersey. It's not possible that Cranford knows anything, but he has the devil's own luck in falling on to things. I'm going to get into his rooms tonight and take a look at his correspondence. I want indisputable proof."

"Don, you've got nerve. Where did you get it?"

"Maybe a little from you—maybe a little from her. She must have had nerve to marry you, knowing what she did."

"Leave your mother out of this talk. What's the matter with you lately, anyhow?"

"Gets under your ribs to think of her, eh?"

"After all, I am your father."

He spoke calmly. He knew of old the futility of loosening the heat of his wrath against this boy, who always grew correspondingly cold and mocking.

"To papa, lovingly from his son Donald," said the young man in a high, piping, childish voice. Then he whirled upon the man in the chair. "Maudlin sentiment from you doesn't fit in. Drop it. If I'm your son it's only one of those chances of life. I had nothing to do with it. I'm merely your lieutenant. I'm in the game for the sport and the cash. In one thing only do I differ from you—I never break my word and don't you to me. Very few persons know that I am Michael Smead's son. For that I'm grateful. You stay here in New York. I'll handle this job. Going uptown now to Cranford's."

For a space of thirty seconds he stared icily into his father's eyes, shrugged and made for the door, which he opened and closed gently enough.

Smead glared at the drab panels, but saw only the pictures and tableaux of a ragged life. Did he regret any of it? At that moment he could not say. But fear of a kind crept into his lionlike heart. What lay in the soul of this offspring of his?

(Continued next week.)

Some Glorious Future.

All this world is heavy with the promise of greater things, and the day will come, one day in the unending succession of days, when beings, beings who are now latent in our thoughts, shall stand on this earth as one stands on a footstool, and shall laugh and reach out their hands amid the stars.—H. G. Wells.

What the Chimes Say

"Do Good! Do Good!" They Ring Out at Christmas.

HOW plainly the Christmas chimes seem to ring out to all, both rich and poor:

"Ye who would be truly happy, do good, do good! Live not for yourselves, for there is no joy in selfishness. Dispel the grief and want you see everywhere around you. Give freely of what you have and thereby lay up treasures in heaven."

Thus chime the bells, and he who heeds their solemn warning while merrily they ring may have his Christmas blessing if he will.

Happiness! It is a divine gift, and man is godlike, if ever, when he fills some human heart with joy.

What was it but a laudable desire to render all mankind joyful at Christmas which impelled people in the olden time to open their homes and their hearts as well to all alike at Christmas that all might enter and share the Christmas feast? Friend or stranger, it mattered not, the master welcomed all, and all men who would partook of his bounty. No man sat down alone beside his Christmas fire, wrapped in his own selfishness and careless of others' comfort. No; the great Yule log was brought with pomp and much rejoicing from the wildwood, a mighty fire was kindled upon the hearth, and the whole neighborhood gathered around to share the genial warmth, while bright eyes danced with glee as the Christmas boughs cracked merrily in the ruddy blaze. The flush of joy was on every cheek, and every honest heart throbbed with gratitude and homely pleasures. The wassail bowl went round, blithe carols were sung, and merry lads and maidens danced under the mistletoe boughs.

Christmastide, which was also called Yuletide, lasted a fortnight, and everybody had leisure to spare until the Christmas revels ended with the masques, the plays and the mad frolics of Twelfth Night. But nowadays how things are changed! Even the week between Christmas and New Year's is full of industry, and few are those who devote all their time to enjoyment. The great hearthstones of ancestral halls have disappeared. There are no wide chimney nooks wherein the brownies may lurk in cozy comfort, and heaven only knows where our penates hide—perhaps in the piano box or up in the chandeliers.

Plays on Christmas Eve.

A Christmas custom of ours and the one possessing the greatest antiquity is that of presenting plays the evening of the 24th of December. This was first noticed in the west of England. For several hundred years "St. George and the Dragon" was the most popular. The actors, always children, were fantastically dressed and decorated with ribbons, brightly colored paper and wooden swords. The theme was war and love. There were debate, battle, death and mimicry and a physician ever ready to restore the dead to life. This custom sprang from the ancient crusaders, consequently the feats of chivalry and the romantic extravagance of knight errantry that are preserved to this day in a modified degree.

Masking, which is practiced to some extent among Scotchmen, is derived from the Roman Saturnalia, when people disguised themselves and practiced tricks upon their neighbors. This is now but scantily indulged in, but such of it as exists has been preserved since the fifth or sixth century. The Survey of London mentions a splendid "mummerie" which was performed by the citizens in honor of Prince Richard, son of the Black Prince, in the year 1377.

We do not hear very much nowadays about the lord of misrule or the waits, but both are remembered. The former had license to do everything he could think of to keep up the jollity during the "twelve days," and the latter referred to wandering minstrels, who serenaded homes and waited until food and wine or, more acceptable, money was bestowed upon them.

Our games on Christmas night of cards, billiards, shuffleboard, mumchance, dancing and the tales that are told of knights, ladies, lovers, queens, kings, giants, dwarfs, witches, fairies, goblins and the rest were played and indulged in so long ago that the remotest historian has been unable to ascertain the correct date of their beginning.

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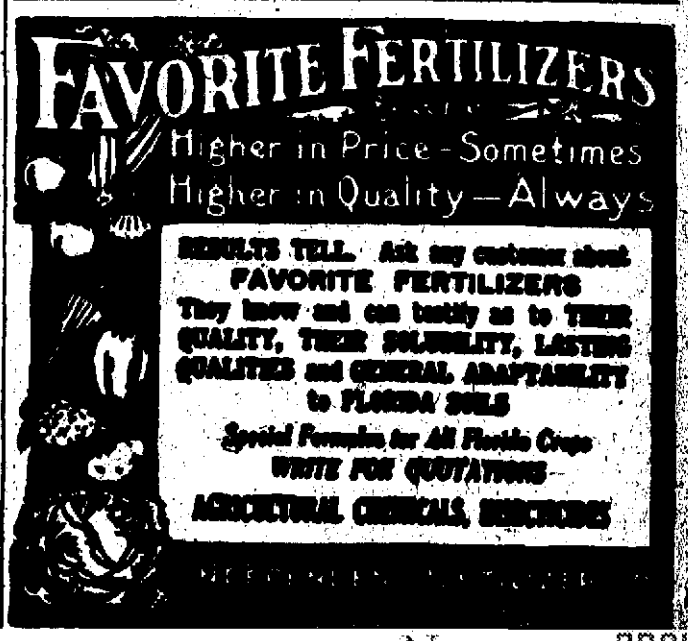

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"DEEP WATER," Our Slogan.

WOMAN'S CLUB

Our state president is sending out the following letter, which bears an individual message to every club woman, read it and you must partake in some degree of the great enthusiasm that prompts her in her untiring efforts for the success of the state federation

Dear Club Members and Co-workers

In this beautiful season of good cheer, of giving and receiving, I am sending this little message of greeting and asking that you consecrate yourselves again more entirely than ever before to "service" We must work for a more perfect continuity of purpose and accomplishment

During the last year we have swelled our membership 1,332, giving us 6,340 total membership in 108 clubs We federated 29 clubs last year, and have two applications now on hand waiting for the February board meeting, which is invited to be the guests of the Palmetto club at Daytona Your president's aim is for a membership of 10,000 in the next two years. If every club member will charge herself with the duty of bringing into her club at least one new member during the coming year, we could double the membership of the Federation very soon Will you not all lend your efforts to the club extension committee for a little while and reap the reward of greater results accomplished by the bringing into the field of action a larger force of workers?

Our sister State, Georgia, has 25,000 club women. This should give us an incentive to carry on a never ceasing membership campaign. Mrs. Pennybacker, our splendid national leader, has said that while we have two million women in the General Federation, in reality we should have five million. There are in Florida considerably more than double our membership of eligible women who would enjoy the work should we seek them out

Over $800 was raised at the DeLand convention towards our State endowment. Our final aim is $25,000, as it would take this amount to yield a sufficient interest to help in the maintenance and care of the Royal Palm State Park, and supply funds to assist in the current expenses of the Federation's departments of work

In February we are going to send out an appeal to all the clubs to assist in raising money towards this endowment fund. It will probably be several years before we can reach the desired amount, but we must add to this fund as fast as possible

In a few weeks now we will send out strips a foot long, and these strips are dime holders It is the Royal Palm Park committee's intention to ask each club to take as many of these strips as possible, and get the public to fill them This is a State Park, and all the people of the State should be given an opportunity to help in its care We hope to raise a mile of dimes in the coming year This would give us $6,336 We need a care taker and a residence, or lodge, at once, and we feel sure that every club woman in Florida is enthusiastic over this splendid work of preserving this wonderful bit of tropical growth.

Last, but not least, let us each and every one not only plant and beautify our own premises, but enlist every citizen of Florida in a movement to make Florida worthy of the name, "Land of Flowers," with the determination that it shall be known as the garden spot of the world "Florida Beautiful" should be every citizen's slogan.

I have been asked by the officials and department chairmen to impress upon the club officials that the year books and all letters sent by them to these officers are for the clubs and that all letters should be read to the club members, and literature kept accessible for their use

With the old world at war we are forced to pause and consider with sadness the fearful condition of our European sisters. Our Christmas joys must yield to the spirit of thanksgiving that our country is at peace.

Our prayers must span the ocean in a petition for peace for those who suffer great privations on account of the war Let us beg of our Master the gift of peace on earth, good-will towards men, for our suffering sister countries

May the New Year be the harbinger of peace to the entire world

Faithfully and sincerely yours,
MAY M JENNINGS,
President Florida Federation of Women's Clubs

BODY OF MRS. GOMEZ TAKEN TO PITTSBURGH.

At the request of relatives of Mrs. Gabriel Gomez, who died last week Wednesday in a hospital in Philadelphia, the remains were sent to Pittsburgh for interment beside the bodies of her father and mother. Mr. Gomez had made arrangements to have the body brought to St. Augustine, but the request of her relatives to have the remains taken to Pittsburgh was granted by Mr. Gomez.

Mr. and Mrs. W F. Adair came over from St Petersburg this week to spend the Christmas season at the home of Mrs. Adair's parents, Mr and Mrs. C. A. Clouser.

Mr. and Mrs J. F Hoke and Miss Jennie Thornhill arrived this week from their northern home and are now settled for the season in their winter home on Hillsboro street

Roland Lutz is home from Rollins college for the holiday vacation.

Gabriel Gomez went to St. Augustine Friday to spend some time with relatives.

Frank G. Shurr of Philadelphia is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs Arthur Whittaker through the holiday season.

C. C. Irving of Burlington, Vt, was in town for a short time Tuesday on his way to Lake Helen to join his mother at their winter home

A note from Z. P. Voze of Minneapolis, who has been spending the winter seasons at Hawks Park, asks that for this winter his paper be sent to Pharr, Texas.

"Dad" Waite came up from Okeechobee Wednesday to spend the holiday season with relatives and friends in this city He will return after the first of the year

Congregational Church—
Christmas exercises by the Sunday school children Friday evening at 7 o'clock, consisting of special songs and a program called "The Feast of Lights"

Church services Sunday at 11 a m, Mrs. C. W Pennell, organist, Mrs. Muriel Galbreath-Daly will sing a solo; anthem by the choir Also special singing in the evening at 7 o'clock. A cordial welcome to all who attend

School Entertainments—
Several Christmas entertainments marked the closing of school in the various grades last Friday afternoon

The fifth grade, the two primary grades, the second and third grades, and the fourth grade had Christmas trees and exercises A number of the patrons of the school were present at these entertainments and were well pleased with the showing made by the pupils

Attempted Hold Up—
Chas. West and Miss Fletcher of Oak Hill, where they spend their winters, while returning home from a visit to Daytona last Sunday night, experienced an attempted hold up near Hawks Park, when a man stepped out in the road and demanded a halt Mr West gave the car more gas and the highwayman left behind fired three shots ineffectively —Daytona Journal.

MISS MARION LONGSRTEET WEDS WILLIAM SCHRECK.

At the Methodist church in Coronado last Saturday night, Miss Marion Longstreet, daughter of Mr. and Mrs H. C. Longstreet, was united in marriage to William Schreck, the ceremony being performed by Rev C W. Lané and Rev. T B Lawrence Following the wedding ceremony a reception was given the bride and groom at the home of the bride's parents. The newly married couple will make their home at Coronado.

MISS CORNELIA SMITH ENTERTAINS CHILDREN

Miss Cornelia Smith gave a Christmas tree and entertainment to the members of her kindergarten class Friday afternoon at 2 30 Miss Smith has her class room in the rear of the D. P. Smith home and it was very prettily decorated with a variety of ornaments, which were the handiwork of the children themselves. The first part of the afternoon was spent with games and dancing. Blese Jonse sang a solo, which did him credit, considering his age The latter part of the afternoon was taken up with refreshments of ice cream, cake and candy, served to the children who sat down to tables and to the parents of the children who were also present. After this came the distribution of the presents. Favors were given to all of a Santa Claus with a pack on his back which were made by the Camp Fire Girls. Each child received something and all were very much pleased with their gifts. The children present included Blese Jones, Guilda Furen, Dorothy Furen, Thelma Veronee, Louise Hammond, Martha Ann Marshall, Winston Wilkinson, Marjorie Howell, Laurie Birch, Elizabeth Chowning, Jednette Matthews. The parents who were at the entertainment went away well pleased with the work of the children during the first part of the year and the entertainment itself.

Christmas at the Churches—
Christmas is being observed in all the churches with pleasing exercises adapted to the entertainment of both young and old. Last evening the Baptists held their exercises which consisted of a miscellaneous program given by the children and the Christmas tree following. The Trinity Methodist people held their exercises at the same time and gave an entertaining program in connection with the tree. Tonight the Congregational Sunday school will present their program, "The Feast of Lights," and give a tree The Methodist church, South, will also hold their exercises tonight, and in connection with giving the tree, a splendid program is being prepared.

The Episcopal people will celebrate the holiday season Holy Innocents' day, Tuesday, Dec. 27, by giving a party for the children in the evening at the Guild hall.

Midnight mass will be celebrated at the Catholic church tonight.

Many of the Sunday schools are preparing to make donations to the needy either at home or in other places.

Mrs. E M Little and children have gone to St. Augustine to spend Christmas with Mrs. Little's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mickler

YULETIDE GREETINGS

To allow the year 1915 to pass out, without thanking our customers for the patronage they have given us would leave one of our principal debts unpaid, and we wish all a merry Christmas.

NEW SMYRNA GROCERY COMPANY

WEATHER REPORT.

for the week ending Dec 20, as reported by Frank J. Nordman, co operative observer

Date	Temperatures Highest	Temperatures Lowest	Rainfall in hundredths inches and
14	53	37	.00
15	67	31	.00
16	75	35	.00
17	79	41	.10
18	73	50	00
19	63	46	54
20	61	47	1 08

CARD OF THANKS.

To all the kind friends who helped me with kind words and deeds during the saddest hours of my life following the receipt of news of the death of my beloved wife, I wish to take this means of expressing my heartfelt thanks. These words and deeds brought me the greatest possible comfort under the circumstances.

GABRIEL GOMEZ.

OAK HILL

School closed Friday for the Christmas holidays, rendering the following program:

Song—"Christmas Welcome," by the school.

Recitation—"A Little Speaker," Stanley Huskey.

Acrostic—First and second grades.

Recitation—"First Christmas Eve," Marian Huntley.

Recitation—"Did You See Him?" Warren Huskey.

Song—"Christmas Lullaby," by Jacqueline Sayder and Dorothy Huntley.

Recitation—"Polly's Discovery," by Ida Taylor.

Recitation—"Christmas," by Claude Swindull.

Recitation—"What Xmas Brings," Lewis Huskey.

Song—"Joy to the World," Alice Huskey and Manda Huntley.

Recitation—"My Favorite," Earl Mendell

Recitation—"The Nice Surprise," Bessie Taylor

Dialogue—"Knights of Brotherhood," Olan Mathews and Lee Huntley

Song—"Silent Night," school

After the program the scholars and patrons present enjoyed a marshmallow roast on Snyder's hill

Coleman Williams spent Sunday at home

Fish of all kinds are very scarce just now

A E Mendell shot two turkeys last week.

John Snyder left for his home in Pittsburgh Pa, Sunday.

L. Wright and family are back from DeLand for the holidays.

Mr. Comer, Sr., of Eufaula, Ala., is visiting his son, Legree, at Shiloh.

Miss Katie Chapin has been called home by the illness of her grandmother.

Principal B. A. Hammons attended the teachers' meeting in Daytona last Saturday.

Prof. B. A Hammons and family have gone to their homes at Barberville and Biltson for two weeks.

Several of the ladies are making great preparations for a neighborhood Christmas tree in the church Christmas eve. A short program will be given by the Sunday school pupils

Mrs Guller and daughter Ida have returned from Salisbury, where Mrs. Guller has been for the last five months

A number of Oak Hill people attended the dance at Titusville Monday night.

H. J. Magruder, Craig Goodson and Perry Simmons shot two deer last Saturday.

Mrs H Barker came down from Daytona last week to get her house ready for Mr. Whiten.

Forest and West Snyder came this week to spend their vacation with their parents at Seminole Rest.

L. L. Mosby has the contract to build the Woodmen hall. Work on the structure has already begun.

Mr. Whiten, who will manage the Barker house this winter, arrived Saturday and will open at once.

Mr. West and Miss Fletcher from Allerton, Mass, arrived Saturday. Mr. West drove his car from Savannah.

Mrs. John Osteen was called to Vero last Wednesday by word that her daughter, Mrs. Atkins, was taken ill very suddenly.

Gus Goodrich, who has lived here for more than 30 years, has sold his place to H. G. Putnam, and will move to Jacksonville to live near his children.

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We handle the famous Florsheim and W. L. Douglas shoes for men and Queen Quality shoes for women.

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HEARD AROUND THE CORNER

*Xmas display now open at Rizy's.

Ed Wilson came home Friday from Gainesville, where he is a student at the state university

Jim White returned Friday from his home in Kentucky, where he has been for several weeks.

*Let Herrick fix it.

F. B. Olcott and little daughter, Mary Belle, left Saturday for Memphis to spend the holidays.

Miss Edna Greer came home Saturday from Jacksonville, where she is a student at the Duval high school

J Glover Taylor of Gainesville came over to this city Saturday for a stay of a few days, returning Tuesday.

E Stratton and wife of Wilsonville, Ohio, have arrived for the winter and have taken rooms with Mrs J H Wright

*Let Herrick fix it.

Mrs. M. C. Armstrong and little daughter returned Saturday from a visit with relatives and friends in St Augustine.

Miss Gladys Whiteside arrived Friday from Gallatin, Tenn, where she is attending school, to spend the holiday vacation with her parents

Mrs Charles Pape arrived Friday from Marietta, Ohio, being accompanied by her daughter, Mrs Harry McCarthy, who has been with her in the north for several weeks They are settled in the Pape home on Faulkner street and will be joined later by Mr Pape.

*For Sale—Oranges and Grapefruit put up in 9, 12, 18, 20, 40 and 80 pound boxes; also loose fruit Packing house on Wayne ave. west of railroad. W E. SWOOPE

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*500 Books for selection, Rizy's.

Born, Monday, Dec [illegible] Mr and Mrs. V N Ashton, a daughter.

Ralph Pellett came over Tuesday from Sanford for a stay of a few days in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. John Howe and two children spent Tuesday in Jacksonville on a shopping visit.

*Ice Cream, Confectionery, Rizy's

Walter Pace came down Sunday from Jacksonville to spend a few days with friends in this city.

George Marshall left Monday for New York in response to a telegram telling of the death of an aunt.

*If you want good value for the money, go to Herrick's

James Lawrence is serving as a clerk in the H W Davis & Co store during the absence of V. D Capo

*You are welcome at Rizy's.

A fine baby daughter was born Wednesday, Dec 22, to Mr. and Mrs Harry Sams at the Shelter sanitarium

*Last minute gifts at Herrick's

Mrs W H Lyle and children came Wednesday from Live Oak to spend the holidays with Mr and Mrs J C Lyle. Mr W. H Lyle will join them Saturday

Miss Bertha Lawrence arrived Friday from Jacksonville, where she is a teacher in the public schools, to spend the holiday vacation with her parents, Rev and Mrs T. B Lawrence

*Dr Farr, Osteopath, Chiropractor

Miss Bertha Lawrence arived Friday from Jacksonville, where she is in the capacity as a school teacher, to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr and Mrs. T. B Lawrence

*New and exclusive patterns in souvenir spoons at Herrick's.

Judge and Mrs. F. J. Russell came Wednesday from their northern home in Hart, Mich, and will spend the winter here. They are located in the Osmun cottage on Andrews street

*Biggest Xmas assortment, Rizy's.

The Magnolia Street Tea Room, opposite the Palms, will be open to guests the afternoon of New Year's day Here you will find a cosy place to while away the time chatting over the tea cups.

Lots for Sale—
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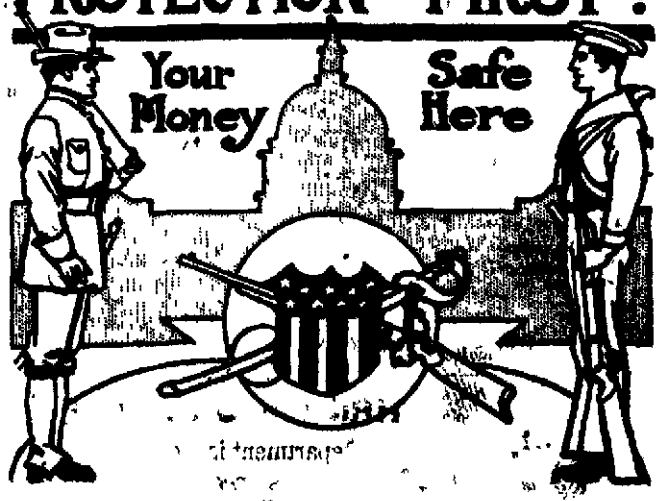

PROTECTION FIRST! That's a fine slogan in these days! In WAR-TIME as well as in time of PEACE you ought to keep your money where you KNOW it will be SAFE. Hiding it in an old stocking in the attic is NOT safe; neither is it GOOD BUSINESS nor PATRIOTIC. This bank is conducted under close government regulation.

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CITRUS MOVEMENT IS LESS THAN IN 1914

PRACTICALLY THIRD OF CROP HAS LEFT STATE AND GOOD PRICES ARE EXPECTED AFTER THE HOLIDAYS.

Movement of citrus fruit out of Florida to date this season is less for the same period of last year by nearly 1,600 cars. The crop is short this year and has been slow in movement because of more stringent regulations about maturity. About one-third of the fruit has been shipped

Last season at this time 2,506 cars of grapefruit and 7,376 cars of oranges had been shipped. This year to the first of this week the shipments have reached only 1,546 of grapefruit and 6,758 cars of oranges The total for this date last year was 9,882 cars, and to date this year it has been only 8,283 cars, a difference of 1,599 cars.

Prices during the last two weeks have been much better than heretofore, and this causes satisfaction among growers All packing houses of the Exchange have shut down until after the first of the year, in order to avoid an overloaded market during the holidays When shipping is again resumed it is expected that good prices will prevail and that they will continue

Distribution of the crop is much better this year than ever before, due largely to the fine sales organization of the Florida Citrus Exchange The Exchange is spending $75,000 this year in advertising in order to create a greater demand and introduce Florida fruit in places where it has previously not been known The results to date have been very gratifying

*Let Herrick fix it.

Dan Smith, who is attending school at Gainesville, Ga, arrived Friday to spend the holiday vacation at home

*The finest line of souvenir spoons that has ever been in this town you will find at Herrick's

Miss Zelia Wilson is home from the State College for Women at Tallahassee, to spend the holiday vacation

*Never too much trouble for Herrick to show you his goods

A E. Lang, district commercial manager for the Western Union, was in the city last week checking up the local office.

Mrs. C. S. Bennett and sister, Miss Lenora Frier, left Saturday for Lee, Fla, to spend the holidays at the home of their parents

E L Greer was called to Monticrie, Ga., Saturday by the serious condition of his aged mother, who has recently suffered a stroke of paralysis.

*Presents for young and old, Rizy's

Mr. and Mrs. J A. Hoseman arrived Tuesday from their northern home in Sullivan, Ind, and will remain in New Smyrna through the winter season.

*All Work guaranteed by Herrick.

Miss Irene Brown came home Friday from Jacksonville, where she is attending school, for the holidays She was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. E. Copeland.

*Everything for Xmas at Rizy's.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ocobock, of Montague, Mich, came Friday and visited until Monday with friends They went to Miami to spend the greater part of the winter.

*Toys, Books, Games, Rizy's.

Word received by friends from Mr and Mrs. J. F. Van Deusen states that they are not well contented out of Uncle Sam's domain, and plan to leave Havana by the first of the year. They will probably spend the remainder of the winter in Key West or Miami.

BRIGGSVILLE

Rev. Albertson and Rev. Thompson were the guests of the Briggsville Progressive league last Saturday night. Rev. Thompson gave a very interesting talk along the line of working together for the best interests of the community. Rev. Albertson gave a fine talk on farming. His remarks were based along the line of actual experiences. He owns and operates a little farm near DeLand, and his remarks were of great benefit to the members of the league.

NEW SMYRNA PUBLIC SERVICE CO.

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To the Housewives of New Smyrna:

Acting on the request of a number of the women of this city, we are endeavoring to learn how many will purchase and use an electric iron if we establish one-half day each week as ironing day, and to obtain this information we recently sent out circular letters to the women explaining the proposition.

Enclosed with each circular letter was an addressed postal card with a few questions to be answered.

We are anxious to learn if the women of New Smyrna really want the electric current for ironing purposes, and we therefore respectfully request that the women who have not answered the questions on the postal card please do so and mail the card at once.

We must have at least a majority of these cards to determine the wishes of a majority of the women. It will not cost you anything to send the card back, and will take but a few minutes of your time to write the answer to the questions. Please attend to this at once.

Respectfully,
NEW SMYRNA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY,
By J. C. Lyle, Business Manager.

HAWKS PARK

Merry Christmas to all

E J Moore is carrying the mail now

Will MacLean has been shipping oranges

Mrs Harry Sams is at the Shelter sanitarium with a fine baby daughter

The young people will have a dancing party Christmas night at the hall

Mr. and Mrs. Morton have moved from E. J. Moore's to the Dunklee cottage.

Miss Quinton Parker is home from Tallahassee to spend the holiday vacation Her many friends are glad to see her.

Mr. and Mrs H I Hamilton will spend Christmas day with Mr Hamilton's aunt, Mrs. Nancy Miller, in New Smyrna.

We are glad to see George Hill and his sister, Miss Mary Hill, driving up with old Prince Hope they have a pleasant winter here

It looks good to see the Preston home open again Mr. and Mrs. Preston arrived last week from their northern home at Henniker, N. H.

Miss Beryl Murray has trained the school children for an entertainment Friday evening, after which the presents will be given from the tree. Everybody is invited to the hall.

The Saturday night dances are proving quite successful. A number of the New Smyrna young folks came down on invitation and enjoyed the dancing and social time.

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the efforts of the "Woo-Woo Quartette" in their effort to raise funds to alleviate suffering and make happy on Christmas day the homeless little ones of our great state. All praise to these gentlemen who so liberally gave of their time and talent to so worthy a cause. Much credit is due to the public which so nobly responded on this occasion. We feel that no one can say but that they were amply repaid in the amusement furnished.

We recommend most highly our Hagan Reliable Hams. Our record, a solid case in one day last week. We carry the highest grade cured hams to be found anywhere. Our sales are large, thus insuring fresh goods at all times.

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Old Santa Man,
Instead of a Turkey
Bring a Christmas Ham,
A Fruit Cake rich
Would hit the spot,
Please Santa Claus,
Forget me not.

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Respectfully,

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STILL TIME TO BUY PRESENTS

In our line of Clothing and Gents' Furnishings we have many things that make

USEFUL CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

and it will pay you to consult us on this matter if you have overlooked some one to whom you intended to make a present at Christmas time.

The H. W. Davis Co.

Next Door to Palace Theater

Mrs. S. E. Elrod arrived Wednesday night from her home in Eliotsville, Ind.

The New Smyrna postoffice has been the busiest place in the city this week posting and receiving Christmas packages and messages. A total of $140 worth of stamps was sold Monday and Tuesday.

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SOME ODD THINGS ABOUT CHRISTMAS

IN Greece the kalikantzaroi are generally represented as mere tricky sprites who live, as a rule, underground, appearing to men only on the nights of the year between December 25 and January 6 They pass the days during this period in dark caverns, where they subsist on serpents and lizards, and come forth to dance in the moonlight, either alone or in company with the nereids, and also with mortal women, if they can lure any to join them.

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INDIANS say the best time to catch a deer is on Christmas night at twelve o'clock, when they believe the deer kneels.

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ROUMANIAN girls can learn, during the Christmas season, whether or not they are going to be married within the coming year. At midnight they enter the stable and strike the foot of the first ox they come across, saying: "This year; next year." If the ox gets up at the first stroke the girl will marry within the year; if it gets up at the second stroke he marriage will take place the year following; if it does not get up at all the gods have not yet decided on her wedding date.

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IN many countries where they go by the old calendar Christmas is celebrated January 6, the celebration beginning twelve days before.

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CAKES weighing from one to twelve pounds are made in Friedrichstadt. They place them in exalted position and play to them, representing, as they say they do, St. Nicholas. Of rye bread they make a boar or hog, six or seven inches high, with gilt snout and tail, with gold rings around its knees. The business men put goods they have exhibited for sale on a revolving disk and raffle them off.

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KLINGEEST (Kind Jesus or Child Jesus) presides over all Christmas celebrations in Schleswig-Holstein. He is supposed to bring presents to the children, and sometimes punishes naughty ones.

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ON Christmas day in Ditmarsh the cattle get an extra allowance of fodder. The cats and dogs, too, get better meals. At times the cattle are admitted to the higher joys to the extent that a candle is placed above the trough from which they feed, just as each member of the family has his own candle, made by himself. These candles must be heavy and big, for the one that goes out first will die first.

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SOME of the Germans believe that those born on Christmas day have the power of seeing spirits, and even of commanding them.

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THE after-dinner dishes must not be washed at once. They must be left until ten minutes before midnight, when the young folks take them outside to a well and wash them, for in the water they can, at midnight, see the faces of their future lovers and sweethearts.

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OXEN kneel in the stall at midnight on Christmas, says English tradition. They kneel as if in *adoration of the Nativity.*

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WHEN Christmas draws near every French family in easy circumstances sends for a cask of wine and lays in a stock of southern fruit. Those who have been enemies pardon each other; marriages are fixed; married pairs who have been separated are reunited.

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A POPULAR saying in Spain for Christmas day is "the bird of dawning singeth all night long to frighten away all evil things."

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CHRISTMAS celebrations in Mexico begin December 17 and continue until December 24. Each night a festival is held, nine in all, an invitation being sent out to these "posadas." "Posada" means "inn," typifying the day the holy travelers, Joseph and Mary, sought in vain for rest and shelter.

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THE young Armenians, on Christmas day, pay "hand-kissing" visits to their elders.

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TO learn the qualities of her future husband the Roumanian girl, on Christmas eve, partially disrobes, loosens her hair, bandages her eyes, and braving the cold goes into the courtyard, where she commences to count the stakes in the hedge. When she reaches the ninth one she binds it with ribbon or with threads of hair and re-enters the house. The next day she examines the stake; if it is upright and sound, her husband will be young, strong and handsome; if bent, her husband will be old and ugly.

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CHRISTMAS seems to have been first observed between 138-180 A. D.

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THE custom of making gifts at Christmas is widest spread in Germany, where even casual acquaintances express their regard for each other by making small presents.

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OLD Christmas fare did not include the turkey, now the modern Christmas bird. In the olden days a roasted peacock took its place on the festive board.

TRAMMELL SAYS OPEN EAST COAST CANAL

EXECUTIVE SERVES NOTICE ON OWNING COMPANY TO OPEN THE INLAND WATERWAY IMMEDIATELY.

Unless the East Coast Canal company gets busy and cleans up the waterway down the east coast of Florida the state will institute legal proceedings for the purpose of requiring a proper maintenance of he canal. Governor Park Trammell has so informed George W. Gibbs of St. Augustine, general manager of the canal company, the letter from the governor to the general manager being dispatched a few days ago

The action taken by the governor is the first move in a long time to improve conditions along the the coast canal Although the canal is practically impassible at certain points, the canal company still collects tolls at three different stations along the line.

Governor Trammell's letter to Mr. Gibbs is taken as indicating the ideas of the state on the canal matter The etter says that the canal should be cleaned "immediately." The governor's letter to Mr Gibbs is as follows:

"It has been brought to the attention of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund that your company is failing to maintain the Florida East Coast canal at the depth nd width required by the law authorizing you to construct this canal I am therefore writing to request that you arrange immediately o have this canal maintained according to the requirements of the law under which you are authorized to construct the same This matter has previously been brought to your attention and I beg to advise that if prompt action is not taken, it will be necessary for the state to institute legal proceedings for the purpose of requiring a proper maintenance of the canal"

Miss Fearn Hibbard spent several days this week visiting friends in DeLand.

Mrs. Brooker Dies Monday—

Mrs. Harrison Brooker passed away suddenly Monday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Sallie Goodson at Hawks Park. Mrs. Brooker had been ill but a short time. She is mourned by a large family. Interment was made in the Hawks Park cemetery Tuesday morning.

Catholic Church—

Services twice in the month on the second and fourth Sundays On these Sundays mass is said at 10 a m and evening devotions at 7:30 Bible history class at 4 p m on the Fridays preceding the second and fourth Sundays. Catechism class at 9 a m. on the Saturdays preceding the second and fourth Sundays Children's mass at 7 a m on the Saturday preceding the second and fourth Sundays Mass at 7 a m on the Mondays following the second and fourth Sundays. Sunday school every Sunday at 9 a. m.

Special Services Christmas—

Confessions Friday (Christmas eve) from 3 to 6 p m. and from 11 to 12 p m. Midnight mass with holy communion at 12 o'clock, midnight.

FATHER BARRY.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY
W. O. W. CAMP 149

Once more the call has come across the Great Divide, causing a cloud to hover over the forest, with its shadows of sorrow entering Camp 149, W. O. W., wherein we must bow in humble submission to the Divine will of our Creator.

The messenger of death has broken earthly associations, but can never sever the ties of love and sympathy, and even though there is the aching void, may it be filled by the Grace of God, and the sympathy of friends from this hour on through Eternity.

We mourn the loss of Sovereign David C. Fairweather, and may his sorrowing ones, in their loss of today, realize the gain of a bright future, feeling it is better farther on, trusting as we all follow through the Valley of the Shadow of Death, that we may be united on yonder shore; Therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That our camp be draped during the period of mourning for our beloved Sovereign, and be it farther

RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the records of our Camp, a copy be sent to the bereaved family and a copy also be sent to the papers of our city for publication.

Committee: N. S. Coles, F. A. Newell.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

To the People of New Smyrna and Vicinity:

The R. S. Maley Hardware and Furniture Store has enjoyed a good business during the year 1915, and we wish at this time, the closing days of the year, to express to the people of New Smyrna and vicinity our appreciation of their patronage.

If we have served you well during 1915 we hope to merit a continuance of your patronage during 1916.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

R. S. MALEY

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LEGAL NOTICES

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NOTICE.

In Justice's Court, Tenth District, Volusia County, Florida.
W. P. Wilkinson, Plaintiff,
vs.
Walter Alexander, Defendant in the above entitled cause. You are hereby notified to appear to said action on the 27th day of December, A. D. 1915. Herein fail not or judgment will be entered by default.

The New Smyrna News is hereby authorized to publish the foregoing notice.

Witness my hand and seal this 2nd day of December, A. D. 1915.
(Seal) W. H. NEWELL,
Justice of the Peace, Tenth District.

Notice of Levy of Uniform Acreage Tax of
LAKE ASHBY DRAINAGE DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested in the following described lands in the County of Volusia in the State of Florida, viz:

All Sections 12, 13, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 33, 34, 35 and 36, Township 17, Range 32;

All Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, NE¼ 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 35 and 36, Township 18, Range 32;

All Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, West half of Section 15, all Sections 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, West half of Section 22, all Sections 29 and 30, Township 18, Range 33;

All Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23 and 24, Township 19, Range 32;

included within the LAKE ASHBY DRAINAGE DISTRICT, that the Board of Supervisors of said district levied, on the 13th day of November 1915, a Uniform Acreage Tax of twenty-nine (29) cents per acre upon all the lands situated within the said district for the year 1915, and you and each of you are hereby notified that the Uniform Acreage Tax Book, assessing said tax, has been completed by the Secretary of the said Board and has been approved and accepted by the said Board and will be delivered to the Tax Collector of said County on or before the 1st day of January 1916, and that the Uniform Acreage Tax Record Book, declaring the lien of said tax, will be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the said County of Volusia, on or before the said 1st day of January 1916

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SAM'L D JORDAN,
Clerk of the Circuit Court, Volusia County, Florida.
By CLIFFORD BOTTS,
(SEAL) Deputy Clerk.

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NOTICE.

In Justice's Court, Tenth District, Volusia County, Florida.
Colee & Thomas, Plaintiff,
vs.
Charley Rochelle, Defendant, in the above entitled cause. You are hereby notified to appear to said action on the 27th day of December, A. D 1915. Herein fail not or judgment will be entered by default.

The New Smyrna News is hereby authorized to publish the foregoing notice.

Witness my hand and seal this 2nd day of December, A. D 1915.
(Seal) W. H NEWELL,
Justice of the Peace, Tenth District

(First pub Dec 3; last pub Dec 31)

Notice of Application for Tax Deed Under Section 8 of Chapter 4888, Laws of Florida.

Notice is hereby given that John T. Hammond, purchaser of Tax Certificate No 583, dated the 2nd day of June, A. D. 1913, has filed said certificate in my office, and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property situated in Volusia County, Florida, to-wit: SE¼ of NE¼ Sec. 21 T. 16 S. R. 33 E 40 acres. The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of Helen M. Fowler. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 4th day of January, A. D. 1916.

Witness my official signature and seal this 3rd day of December, A. D. 1915. SAM'L D. JORDAN,
Clerk Circuit Court, Volusia County, Florida.
Seal.

NOTICE.

In Justice's Court, Tenth District, Volusia County, Florida.
Colee & Thomas, Plaintiff,
vs.
Henry Brigham, Defendant in the above entitled cause. You are hereby notified to appear to said action on the 27th day of December, A. D. 1915. Herein fail not or judgment will be entered by default.

The New Smyrna News is hereby authorized to publish the foregoing notice.

Witness my hand and seal this 2nd day of December, A. D. 1915.
(Seal) W. H. NEWELL,
Justice of the Peace, Tenth District

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NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENTS.

In Circuit Court in and for the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, Volusia County.—In Chancery.

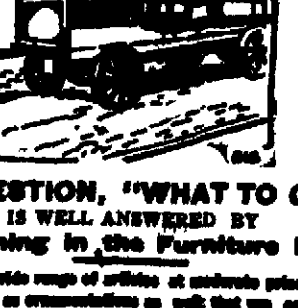
LAURA A. BALCOM, Complainant.
vs
The heirs at law of BERNARDO SEGUI, deceased, and the devisees under the will of BERNARDO SEGUI, deceased, and all parties claiming interests under BERNARDO SEGUI, deceased, or otherwise in the premises in question; and the heirs at law of ESTEVAN ARNAU, deceased, and the devisees under the will of ESTEVAN ARNAU, deceased, and all parties claiming interests under ESTEVAN ARNAU, deceased, or otherwise in the premises in question, and the heirs at law of G E. HAWS, deceased, and the devisees under the will of G. E. HAWS, deceased, and all parties claiming interests under G E. Haws, deceased, or otherwise in the premises in question; and the heirs at law of HENRY MARSHALL, deceased, and the devises under the will of HENRY MARSHALL, deceased, and all parties claiming interests under HENRY MARSHALL, deceased, or otherwise in the premises in question; and the heirs at law of DANIEL McRANEY, deceased, and the devisees under the will of DANIEL McRANEY, deceased, and all parties claiming interests under DANIEL McRANEY, deceased, or otherwise in the premises in question; and the heirs at law of JOHN J. HEDRICK, deceased, and the devisees under the will of JOHN J. HEDRICK, deceased, and all parties claiming interests under JOHN J. HEDRICK, deceased, or otherwise in the premises in question; and the heirs at law of THEODORE FLOTARD, deceased, and the devisees under the will of THEODORE FLOTARD, deceased, and all parties claiming interests under THEODORE FLOTARD, deceased, or otherwise in the premises in question; and the heirs at law of FRANKLIN W. ELY, deceased, and the devisees under the will of FRANKLIN W ELY, deceaed, and all parties claiming interests under FRANKLIN W. ELY, deceased, or otherwise in the premises in question; KATE C. HEDRICK and MARY A. RODGERS, Defendants.

To KATE C HEDRICK:

You are hereby required to appear to the bill of complaint filed herein against you in the above entitled cause on or before the 3rd day of January, A. D. 1916.

"THE NEW SMYRNA NEWS" is hereby designated as the newspaper in which this order shall be published once each week for eight consecutive weeks.

WITNESS my hand and seal of office at DeLand, Volusia County, Florida, this 5th day of November, A. D. 1915. SAM'L D. JORDAN,
(SEAL) Clerk.
By CLIFFORD BOTTS, Deputy Clerk.
LANDIS, FISH & HULL,
Solicitors for Complainant.



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